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Docket #050-15-1
Regulatory Analysis & Development
PPD,APHIS, Station 3C71
4700 River Road, Unit 118,
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Dear Sirs,

I've branded cattle since the early 1960's and we had Bangs tags in cattle ears for ID and we got along real well, I think even the BSE cow from Canada in Washington was ID in 3 hrs. If you guys had ever had cattle get mixed up with your neighbor's herd in the summer when the bulls fight and take down the fence and you think your going to seperate these herds with that little electronic tag in their ear, guess again. The meat packers maybe think this is a good idea but until this meat is identified as US beef in the market place, what good is it other than another way to find cattle that may have carried disease and I think the old way was good enough.

As one previous Sec. of Ag. once said," you no play the game, you no make the rules" and he lost his job. I tried using email to send this but every one in Washington must be so insulated from us tax payers its hard to find thru. the great size of govt. in Washington and really commemt with the person in charge with Animal Identification. And less you are working every day with animals and expect to rely on electronics as only a voluntary ID, another way of ID , then I am not for this expense and I don't expect Govt. to fund it.

Sincerely,


John Ralorth DVM

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